

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Health Medical & Family Welfare – Dr NTRUHS - A.P. Medical PG Entrance Examination, 2014 – Alleged malpractices – Preliminary enquiry conducted – Certain Orders issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 69

Dated:02-04-2014.

Read the following:

- 1.D.O.Lr.No.APSCHE/CMP/ER/Dr.NTRUHS/2014, Dt.24.03.14 – Enquiry report by Chairman, A.P. State Council of Higher Education, Hyderabad.
2. G.O.Ms.No.61, HM & FW (E2) Dept., Dt.24.3.2014.
3. C.No.38/ADGP/Camp/CID/2014, Dt.29.3.2014 report submitted by CID on alleged mal practices in A.P. Medical P.G. Entrance Examination 2014.

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ORDER:

Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences is entrusted with the onerous responsibility of conduct of entrance examination as a qualified examination for PG admissions in various medical colleges in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The P.G Entrance Examination was conducted this year on 2nd March 2014. The answer key was released on 03.03.2014. The last day for submission of objections on the key through e-mail was on 04.03.2014. The results were released on 15.03.2014. After that, large scale complaints were received by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences and HE the Governor of Andhra Pradesh from students, students organizations, Junior Doctors Association and some public representatives about malpractices and it was alleged that fraud seem to have happened in the said examination. One of the allegations is that several students from several private colleges have got selected in the top 100, which is against the earlier trends. The main allegations are as follows:

1. There is a lot of suspicion regarding many rankers below 100.
 2. Candidates who could not enter top 1000 ranks in parallel exams are found to occupy below 100 in APPG.
 3. There is also strong suspicion that the question paper was leaked prior to the entrance exam.
 4. Few accused in the PGI Chandigarh exam 2012 scandal have their names in below 100 list.
 5. Comparing the last 10 years APPG results, this is the first instance of getting 180 out of 196 marks in the exam.
2. Government has ordered for a preliminary enquiry and the matter was entrusted to the Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education to get the matter enquired. The Chairman has conducted the enquiry with the team of experts, who have rich experience in the conduct of entrance examinations organized by APSCH and submitted the report to the Govt., in the letter 1st read above. In his report, it was mentioned that many students opined that 2014 PGMET had a tough paper and in that situation scoring 180 marks out of 196 was certainly not an easy achievement. In the PGMET conducted on 2nd March 2014, a total of 14,641 got registered and 14,183 have attended the examination. Total number of candidates who qualified were 8,105 and total candidates not qualified was 6,078 and percentage of qualified candidates was 57.5.
3. There are no complaints or reports of malpractices from any centre that conducted examination. The preliminary enquiry report suggested a need for a system audit and it noted several gaps in the system that is adopted for conduct of this examination. In his recommendation, the Chairman has mentioned that there is circumstantial evidences found that malpractice occurred in PGMET-2014 and he has recommended for further investigation by an appropriate agency.

4. The preliminary enquiry report has been accepted by Government and as CBCID has been entrusted with the conduct of a detailed enquiry, through govt., order 2nd read above.

5. In the letter 3rd read above, the Additional Director General, CBCID, submitted report to the Chief Secretary. During the investigation of the CID, it is established that certain Consultancy Service Agencies / persons have indeed indulged in sharing the PGMET-14 leaked question paper, along with key, with the willing candidates. Several such candidates were examined, who admitted the above fact.

6. In its report CBCID mentioned that in the 2nd fortnight of Feb'2014, these consultants have started calling the "contracted" candidates to certain secret locations and shared the copies of the printed PGMET-14 question paper, along with the key, taking all care against possible publicity. It is also established that said candidates did appear for the PGMET-14 entrance examination and also secured very high ranks.

7. Prior to actual leakage of PGMET-14 question paper, the consultants have aggressively "marketed" with the students and collected the original SSC/Intermediate/MBBS certificates along with blank cheques / cash etc with the promise of helping them secure very high ranks.

8. As seen from the investigation report of the Addl. Director General of Police it is noticed that the leakage of question paper has occurred and the same is established beyond doubt and incriminating evidence has also been seized against the accused. The motive behind leakage is to benefit some contracted candidates for monetary gain.

9. In the report it has been clearly brought out that few individuals took advantage in the examination conducted by gaining access to question paper through the printing press. It is adequately proved that due to nexus that these students had in a nefarious manner, they got advantage in what was otherwise a tough examination having ingredients of a high quality of examination. People who traded the question paper have obtained financial gains and further details will all be surfacing in the criminal trial that will follow.

10. It is therefore clear that the PGMET did not provide equal opportunity to all the aspirants and has provided advantage to some sections of students who are all party to this illegal operation. It will be hazardous to public safety giving admissions to students who have no merit otherwise in this examination process as human life is involved.

11. Medical Council of India has communicated the academic schedule for all the colleges where the admissions need to be completed by 10th July, 2014 and classes commenced by 30th June, 2014. The investigations of CBCID have established the conspiracy and also brought out nexus between all the miscreants in an apparent manner. The Government after careful consideration have come to conclusion to cancel the PGMET 2014 and direct the Registrar, Dr. NTRUHS to conduct the entrance examination afresh.

12. Govt., after careful examination hereby request the Registrar to come up with a fool-proof programme for all the 3 aspects of setting a standard question paper, printing carefully adequate number of question papers including OMR sheets and finally conduct the examination in a fair manner. The Registrar is also advised to come up with suitable date for re-examination within MCI guidelines, examining convenience of students to not only prepare for this fresh examination but also looking at the examination schedule of similar examinations conducted elsewhere.

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To,
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